

DOCKET NOS. 2006-137-C, 2006-138-C and 2006-139-C - ORDER NO. 2006-330

IN RE: Docket No. 2006-137-C – Petition of Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. Concerning Interconnection Under the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.) ORDER GRANTING) MOTION FOR) CONSOLIDATION OF) DOCKETS)

and)

Docket No. 2006-138-C – Petition of Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative Concerning Interconnection Under the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

and)

Docket No. 2006-139-C – Petition of Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with Lockhart Telephone Company Concerning Interconnection Under the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the Motion of Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC (Charter Fiberlink) to

consolidate Docket No. 2006-137-C, Docket No. 2006-138-C and Docket No. 2006-139-C presently pending before the Commission.

On May 12, 2006, Charter Fiberlink filed with the Commission separate petitions for arbitration pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, against Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. (Chesnee), West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative (West Carolina), and Lockhart Telephone Company (Lockhart) (collectively, the ILECs). The Commission established Docket No. 2006-137-C to address the arbitration proceeding against Chesnee, Docket No. 2006-138-C to address the arbitration proceeding against West Carolina, and Docket No. 2006-139-C to address the arbitration proceeding against Lockhart.

With Charter Fiberlink's May 12, 2006, arbitration filings, Charter Fiberlink also filed a Motion for Consolidation. Charter Fiberlink asserts in its Motion that other than to separately identify the name and business address of the individual ILECs, the arbitration petitions involving the ILECs are identical. Charter Fiberlink states there are no issues unique to any individual ILEC that would complicate or delay resolution of a consolidated proceeding as the facts, unresolved issues and relief requested in the arbitration petitions against the ILECs are identical.

Further, Charter Fiberlink asserts that consolidation of the three arbitration proceedings will reduce the administrative burden placed on, and expenses incurred by, the parties and the Commission; therefore, consolidation of the dockets will promote efficiency and conserve administrative resources. Charter Fiberlink adds that no party

will be prejudiced by the consolidation of the arbitration petitions into a single proceeding and hearing.

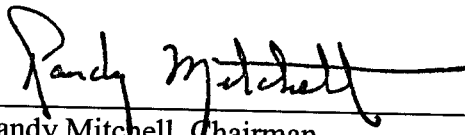
The Commission finds the Motion for Consolidation of Charter Fiberlink reasonable and finds that judicial economy would be served by consolidating the three present arbitration dockets, and therefore grants the Motion for Consolidation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC's Motion for Consolidation of Docket No. 2006-137-C, Docket No. 2006-138-C, and Docket No. 2006-139-C is hereby granted.

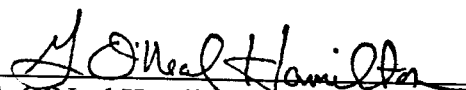
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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